THE IRON LORD

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Synopsis of Previous Chapters. owner and mine owner and very rich. Wanting to be rid of his wife, Caroline, he has intrusted the task to his brother, Thomas, of getting her incarcerated in an insane asylum. This fails because of the testimony of Jacob's daughter Vida, who, however, cannot believe that she is really his daughter. Jacob sends one of his ships after them, but The Good cannot believe that she is really his daughter. Jacob sends one of his ships after them, but The Good Intent is wrecked and Vida and her mother thrown ashore. Vida renounces her father and becomes Vida Bryan, the adopted daughter of "Billy" Bryan, the keeper of one of the coast lights. James Kahn, supercargo and confidential man of Jacob Romer, is schening to get, possession of the Romer mines and millions. In the meantime, Vida is living happily at Kirktown and two swains are attentive to her, Phil Calmont and Vic Morris. The story now takes up the past life of Jacob Romer; tells of his secret marriage to Caroline, secret because of the fear of the displeasure of his rich urele, and tells how, keeping his wife concealed, he had fallen in love with Miss Georgiana Bunny, which has caused him to try and get his wife incarcerated in an insane asylum. The story takes up its main thread and shows Vida happy in Kirktown, and her father noting her success in the church choir. Although the rivalry for Vida's affection continues, Vic Morris gives Phil Calmont a place in his office. Billy Bryan resolves to stop smoking, and proceeds to explain to Dick Finnan the working of Skerry Light. Vida appears upon the scene and is sure that the two men have been discussing her, which she promptly resents. She is wrong, however, as developments prove. Vida retires to her room, while, in the meantime, they talk about a present she is to receive.

CHAPTER XX -Continued.

"But," interrupted Kahn and McKill speaking both at the same moment "none of our pits are fiery. And, besides, we conform to every legal regu-

The owner, throned in the sole chair which had escaped the fire, nodded approval. Kahn and his friends felt that their battle was won.

"The men have a right to an accessible second exit," Vic Morris repeated, this?" with greater firmness than ever. "I am in possession of copies of the papers in which one of my predecessors, Mr. engineer man is no better than a miner's Job Henderson, asked again and again agent. His business (and ours) is to get that the second exits should be com- as much work out of the men as possible pleted. I have also a copy of his resignation when his wish was not complied with. I know that all work was stopped Mr. Vic Morris is trying to straddle th these exits so soon as he was out of fence. But that's not my idea of loyalty the yard. It has never been resumed, to one's employer." n spite of my representations. I believe, sir, that the loss you has suffered manager, Mr. Hector McKill; "he that feelings on that subject-feelings which written!" have some just foundation, which have

'So you make yourself the apologist Romer, suddenly thumping his hand on meetings and then home again to arrange the table

The others muttered: "Revolution-"Wolf in sheep's clothing"-according to their several vo-

tion of Mr. Hector McKill. "I have nothing to do with incendiuries," said Vic. firmly; "but I try to
inderstand cause and effect; I endeavor

"And be good enough to remember to the correct ones for each gown, but lucky
thirty thousand pounds worth of property ladies blessed with this superabundance

find out right and wrong." "I thought you expressed yourself as quently."

"In the pits yes," said Vic, steadily, "and if their just representations are attended to, I have then no fear. Bespect for themselves which only comes sides, I know how the government in- of being respected by their employer. spection is slurred over here. I know to whom the business was committed. I he know how the matter was arranged," "Then you know more than I do, Mr.

Morris," said Jacob Romer, "for this is the first I ever heard of any arrange-

wield a pick, he was a man with a large family. It cost him something to do right. But he would not consent to play with the lives of men. One of your managers sitting there laughed, and said: "Risk to the lives of men-well, Job Henderson, don't we pay them for taking that risk? Don't they know the bargain

'I agree with that," said Jacob Romer 'I have no sympathy with cant!' And at this the Triplice of Oppression

miled with recovered spirits. "With cant, no! I, as little," Vic Morris continued; "but with your new en-gineer began the cutting down of the working expenses, the filling up of the existing exits with steampipes, so that no Vida man could go up or down-no, not for fifty fathoms—and all that the profits might be increased."

"And I beg you will tell me," interrupted Jacob Romer, "for what other purpose I pay you a salary, than that you should have my interests at heart nd increase my profits? Do you expect that these idle pitmen would do as much

"Sir," said Vic Morris, "I think that your balance sheet since my arrival will best prove that you have no cause to complain of the fidelity of my services. I have worked well for you. The men also—especially in No. 2 pit. And they deserve to have their exits safe and clear in case of danger."
"Mr. Grindling," said the owner of the

Incubus Pits, "what have you to say to

The men's business is to get as much ou of us as possible-and do as little for it.

is partly, if not wholly, due to the men's is not for us is against us-so it is

"I have heard of the devil's quoting not been allowed vent, and so have taken Scripture to suit his purpose before now," said Vic sharply; "if you wish me to tell you what I think, I will do it. I don't of incendiaries, Mr. Morris!" cried Jacob believe in men going first to prayer- you. But perhaps one fine day I'll make for cutting wages 10 per cent all around when profits are 33 per cent over all! "Confine yourself to the matter in hand, Mr. Morris, and you will do well cabularies-the last being the contribu- for yourself," said Mr. Romer, his grim face a shade grayer and grimmer than

whose case you are pleading so elowilling to make yourself responsible for the conduct of the men!" sneered James nestly; "but perhaps by the second-class men whom you have brought to Kirk-town by the second-class wages you are

> The owner of thirty blocks of miners uses in Kirktown and Inchgorma waved

"they possess the same liberty of going elsewhere, of which you can avail yourself. Mr. Morris. "Exactly," said Vic; "but first of all

you asked me to speak-and speak I "Certainly-delighted to listen, Mr. Mor-

ris," said Jacob Romer. And the Triplice of Kahn smiled, well pleased. Already they saw Mr. Vic Morris going down the High-street of Kirktown a disnissed man.

"As for the government inspection was a farce, nothing less. Nor do I think it is altogether the fault of the inspector Our last was a man accustomed to dangerous fire-damp mines. He thought that nothing else was worth looking for He knew our good repute in Kirktown The fronstone kills the fire-damp. Well, Mr. Grindling took him in hand. He treated him generously. The obstructions had been cleared away from plicity itself. the bottom of the second entrance, the steam pipes covered up. In gay comone or two of the men. He asked if they ness women. were content. They were married men with families, and could be warned out of their houses at a week's notice on the part of the company. They had no com-

had been late in arriving, and had not long to give to each of the workings. Besides, there was no one to tell him the truth-as I would have done if I had

"Very interesting," said Jacob Romer. 'Grindling, will you look up what we owe Mr. Morris. We are plain business men-a company organized for the ris' bidding, into a General Benevolence ing classes-certainly least of all with the ashes of thinky years' work lying red about us through the efforts of Mr. Morris' friends.

And so, just as the Triplice had foreeen, Vic Morris went down the street o Kirktown a dismissed man, with Jacob Romer's check in his pocket.

Half-way he met Phil Calmont "I've got the sack," he said; "I gave t them hot and strong-to the owner and

all. So they handed me my money, and fold me to get out. But my walking has nothing to do with you. You know the inside track of the office work now. You will be needed. They will give you a good "You took me on when I was a lazy

useless hound." said Phil, steadily; "so f you don't mind. I'll stick to you now! "All right!" said Vic Morris; "mind, its precious little you'll get out of it. You are a fool for your pains, and so I tell

TO BE CONTINUED TO MORROW. GEMS TO MATCH.

It is not every woman who has a variety of jewels from which to choose the to earn the wages you pay me, and to destroyed-in all probability by the men will find their topaz are most striking when worn with yellow gowns, and so on through the catalogue of jewels and stead of economical, colors. The rule is to wear the gems whose color harmonizes with the dress

> Jade is most attractive with green gowns. A blue gown which has a tinge of green is set off by aquamarines, or turquois True blue demands sapphires.

Topaz, amber and cornelians are the

WHAT WOMEN WEAR

GENERAL DEMAND FOR TRIM TAILORED STREET SUITS.

out something new and attractive for the adornment of the fair sex, and remarkable as it may seem, strikingly in accordance with the fashion demands of the business woman whose wardrobe is sim-

Nothing, for instance, could be more pany our inspector went down, as if to in keeping with the simplicity of business a picnic. He admired the beautiful workin keeping with the simplicity of business ing of the cages. He took into his lungs which everybody is wearing this fall—the full current of fresh air. He walked young girls yet in the school room, maalong the working faces. He spoke to trons every age, society belies and busi-

There are, as all who read this page every week know, several types of tailplaints. He passed the tunnel, with the ored suits in the new models, each good sheets covering the steampipes that led style and becoming in its way, but none to the pumping engine at the bottom of more suited to the requirements of everythe shaft. 'Our new exit,' said Mr. day wear than the semi-fitting coat suit of a practical, serviceable material capa-"Ah, indeed; quife right!" said the in- ble of withstanding hard wear. Broadspector, passing on to lunch. For he cloth in the new stripe patterns is very attractive, but a novel worsted or skiho serge it must be remembered will give twice the wear, and is moreover exceedingly high style. A suit of such material can be worn in all weathers without scruples as to shrinking or spotting.

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With her tailored suit, the business shameful purpose of earning a fair re-turn for our money. We cannot afford dress, wears a simple tailored shirt waist. woven into the material. Of the blace to transform ourselves, even at Mr. Mor- This may be of limen or madras, or a warmer material, such as fine French which has a 7-inch border of white en Association for the benefit of the work- flannel. There are some new corded broidered spots the size of a nickel. being put out in high-class shops at fancy full all around, while for their adorna

of a man's well-groomed appearance is less the smart furriers will make them his tailor's care of his clothes, and the same rule should apply to feminine dress

This habit is as dulling to the mind and one meat is to the palate.

There is no economy in it, either. The woman who is repeatedly remodel ing dresses long past their prime with costly trimmings in order to freshen up is extravagantly wasteful in-

Chinese bands will be used for the decration of bodices of both silk and cloth ldyl. They will be used in surplice effects for evers, for the bordering of the wide man-

darin sleeves, and for the covering of but-

Every turn of Fashion's wheel brings typical Chinese design and colorings is

very good.

The same designs worked out in combi nations of various shades of on a black background, will be greatly favored.

Then there are the old gold effects

worked on a satin ground of that color and sometimes carried out in the blu Certain dull soft shades of red als enter into the general Chinese scheme of color, and a gold thread is used in many

Shoulder straps or suggestions of straps are as fashionable as ever, and bid fair to be seen all through the winter.

instances to accent the beauty of design.

. . . . For evening dresses velvet, suppled satin, mousseline de soie, and the new square meshed tulle will be largely em ployed this winter, while filet lace will be dyed to the exact tone of the gown.

For evening dresses the loveliest of white silk mousselines are being used, on which are printed all-over designs of huge black roses and their follage, or double border around the hem of large Louis XVI bows. Zigzag black strip form another effective 12-inch bor while a third atractive design cons of black checular spots of various s thrown, as it were, across graduated by mousselines, the most effective striped and checked flannels in white to make a costume, as the skirts are very A large quantity of material is required prices. These, of course, are shown in as also for those made of white lace, net ready-made waists, but the same material tulie, or satin, gold and silver lace is

Many of us are prone to forget the that one should select a fur hat to match weekly pressing which keeps a suit, or, their set of furs, or the fur trimming in fact, any garment one is wearing constantly, in first-class condition and pro-longs its life no small degree. The secret wearers of expensive skins, but doubt-

Hats are more and more huge. They

This habit is as dulling to the mind and achieved in millinery, such as natier after materials are marked down, appearance as the continual serving of blue and mole brown, green and violet, gray and brown, flame red and black,

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coques, &c.

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FROM WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW

ready-made waists, out the same initerial tone. Or sath, gold and silver lace is may be bought by the yard and the waist made by a competent dressmaker at a moderate cost. The shirt, with two broad pleats set in the shoulders back and in high favor. pleats set in the shoulders back and front, is a splendid model for any figure, large or small. It defines the lines of the back to best advantage and allows just the best advantage and allow shown in one of the shops. These come an advocate of buying according to im- look no further when they have proved in white or brown, and the intention is mediate needs, and the other had a sense this one point. of prudence that urged her to save money by buying out of season.

to the belief of buying ahead, to a res- a beautiful lace coat. I grant that the sonable extent, yet there were excellent garment was worth all the admiration reasons given why families dependent she bestowed, but it was in no way upon wages should not adopt the plan- suited to the woman, because she ad-I presume that a careful woman, mak- mitted that she never went to any func-The economical woman must beware of are becoming, but it seems almost time ing out her list of necessities for each tion where elaborate dressing was re-The economical woman must beware of clinging to old materials and wearing apparel and remodeling them season after season.

The most curious harmonies are becoming, but it seems almost time now to return to more season would be able to do a little saving, but the question is, would she put away that bit of money? If not, there would be an advantage in buying satisfaction.

garments a matter of years

at a time and have a continued series of new garments, which gives the appearance of elaborate dressing without the reality. On the other hand one girl, whom I regard as the best dressed of my ac-

I was looking at lace goods in a store the other day, when a woman's eye was At the present moment I am inclined to caught by the affuring mark-down tag on

There is a universal tendency to buy handsome street costume, which she prob-It cost enough to provide her with a too much. When tempting articles are ably needed, for she was wearing summer displayed we forget to consider whether toggery, and that was not in accordance Following is the programme for the we have any real need for them or not, with good dressing. Her money is tied concert by the Marine Band Orchestra at present or future need, and it is not until the United States Marine Barracks, becommon to lay away articles and diswill be stinted in her later purchases. cover later on that they do not fit in most likely. By the way, a furrier of re-Metra at all with our plans, which have under-... Meria at all with our plans, which have under the solution of commission for all time by a series of deaths that made mourning but the series of deaths that made mourning the series of deaths the series deaths the series of deaths the series de this to their sorrow, for fur alterations The best dressed women, as a rule, buy are costly, almost as costly as new gar-

"If the men are not satisfied," he said, jewels for gown costumes. The Chinese embroidery worked out in March, "Minnebaha according to present needs, buy a little ments. Treasure House of Holiday Inspiration—in

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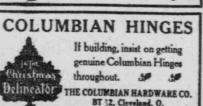
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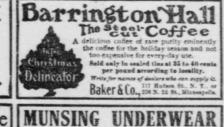


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